

I am very concerned about the potential for this rules change to lead to monopoly conditions and prices. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. DO NOT DO IT. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. I have problems now with the price of DSL connections, and it would only get worse with this rules change. Please do not put us in the Soviet style situation of having to deal with an oligopoly for our internet connections!